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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, SHUM, KS, US

SUBJECT: CARDINAL KIM MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY HABIB

1. UNDERSECRETARY HABIB HAD CARDINAL KIM TO LUNCH AT  
DEPARTMENT JUNE 3; OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVE  
LESTER WOLFF, AMBASSADOR PORTER, D/HA COORDINATOR  
PATT DERIAN AND REV. BRYAN HEHIR.

2. DURING LUNCH DISCUSSION, HABIB GAVE CARDINAL BRIEF,  
NON-SPECIFIC RUN-DOWN ON HIS CONSULTATIONS IN SEOUL ON  
TROOP WITHDRAWALS. TURNING TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, HABIB  
SAID THAT THERE WERE SOME SIGNS THAT THE MYONGDONG  
PRISONERS MIGHT BE RELEASED, ALTHOUGH FIRM PREDICTIONS WERE  
OF COURSE NOT POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE, HE DOUBTED THAT ANY  
RELEASES WOULD COME SOON. HE NOTED THAT AT OUR BEHEST,  
THE ROKG HAD GIVEN US A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE PRISONERS'  
HEALTH AND PRISON CONDITIONS. WHATEVER ACTS OF CLEMENCY  
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WERE TAKEN TOWARD THE PRISONERS, HABIB SAID HE DOUBTED  
THERE WOULD BE ANY LIFTING OF EMERGENCY MEASURE-9.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, THE CARDINAL SAID THAT THE  
BISHOPS WERE NOW "UNITED" IN THEIR VIEW THAT DEMOCRACY HAD  
TO BE RESTORED TO KOREA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ON A NUMBER  
OF OCCASIONS DISCUSSED THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WITH CIA

DIRECTOR KIM CHAE-KYU BUT THAT KIM HAD EVIDENTLY NOT CONVEYED HIS VIEWS TO THE PRESIDENT. HABIB POINTED OUT THAT THE CARDINAL HIMSELF OUGHT TO TRY TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT TO PRESENT HIS POSITION.

4. THE U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE HAS ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR CARDINAL KIM WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMALLY SUPPORTED. WE HAVE NO INDICATION AT PRESENT WHETHER SUCH A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED. CHRISTOPHER

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